

REMARKS

The Advisory Action mailed June 14, 2006, has been carefully considered. In response thereto, the Applicant respectfully submits that the application as further amended is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the Final Rejection and issuance of a Notice of Allowance are respectfully solicited.

At the outset, the Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter in claim 50.

The claims have been amended to recite a vending unit and to recite that the payment acceptance device, dispenser, and processing device, among other components, are located in the vending unit. As discussed during the interview, such features are not taught or suggested in the applied prior art and would not have resulted from the combination of the applied references proposed in the Final Rejection. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully submits that the present Amendment overcomes the outstanding rejection.

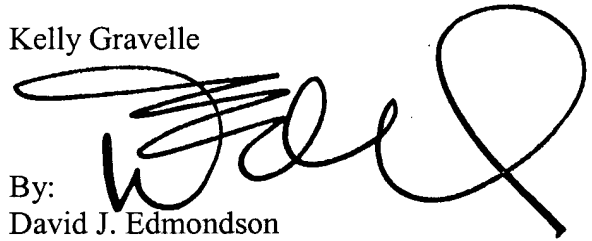
For the reasons set forth above, the Applicant respectfully submits that the application as amended is in condition for allowance. Notice of such allowance is earnestly solicited.

In the event there are any questions relating to this Supplemental Amendment or the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned concerning such questions so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

Please charge any shortage of fees, or credit any overpayment thereof, to BLANK ROME LLP, Deposit Account No. 23-2185 (114944-00434). In the event that a petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted herewith and in the event that a separate petition does not accompany this Amendment or is insufficient to render this Amendment timely, the Applicant hereby petitions under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to render this submission timely. Any fee due is authorized above.

Respectfully submitted,

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